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Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly: review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups: review of the global situation of youth

Argentina, Austria, Finland,* Greece,* Italy, Luxembourg,* Portugal,* Romania,* Senegal,* Spain and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland:* draft resolution

The Commission for Social Development recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"Policies and programmes involving youth

"*The Economic and Social Council*,

"*Recalling* the United Nations Millennium Declaration[1] and recognizing that the Declaration includes important goals and targets pertaining to youth,

"*Also recalling and reaffirming* the commitments made at the major United Nations conferences and summits held since 1990 and their follow-up processes,

"*Guided* by the basic instruments regarding the international protection of human rights, in particular the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,[2] the International Covenants on Human Rights,[3] the International Convention on the Elimination on All Forms of Racial Discrimination,[4] the Convention on the

* In accordance with rule 69 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

[1] Resolution 55/2, annex.

[2] Resolution 217 A (III).

[3] Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

[4] Resolution 2106 A (XX).

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Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,[5] and the Convention on the Rights of the Child,[6] and reaffirming the obligation of States to promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms,

"*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 50/81 of 14 December 1995, by which the General Assembly adopted the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond,

"1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General[7] on the implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond;

"2. *Reaffirms* that the ten priority areas identified in the Programme of Action, namely, education, employment, hunger and poverty, health issues, environment, drug abuse, juvenile delinquency, leisure, girls and young women, and youth participation, remain areas of crucial importance;

"3. *Recognizes* the importance of the five emerging issues of concern to young people identified in the report of the Secretary-General, namely, the mixed impact of globalization on young women and men; the use of and access to information and communication technology; the dramatic increase of HIV infections among young people and the impact of the epidemic on their lives; the active involvement of young people in armed conflict, both as victims and as perpetrators; and the increased importance of addressing intergenerational issues in an ageing society;

"4. *Recognizes* the importance of the full and effective participation of youth and youth organizations at the local, national, regional and international levels in promoting and implementing the Programme of Action and in evaluating the progress achieved and the obstacles encountered in its implementation, and the need to support the activities of youth mechanisms that have been set up by youth and youth organizations, bearing in mind that girls, boys, young women and men have the same rights but different needs and strengths and are active agents for decision-making processes, positive change and development in society;

"5. *Calls upon* all States, all United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies, the regional commissions and the intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned, in particular youth organizations, to make every possible effort towards the implementation of the Programme of Action, aiming at cross-sectoral youth policies by integrating a youth perspective into all planning and decision-making processes relevant to youth;

"6. *Recommends* that the United Nations system, on the basis of the positive experience of youth participation in the work of the United Nations, including at the World Summit on Sustainable Development and the special session of the General Assembly on children, continue to provide opportunities for dialogue between Governments and representatives of youth organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council through forums, open-ended dialogues, meetings and debates;

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[5] Resolution 34/180.

[6] Resolution 44/25, annex.

[7] E/CN.5/2003/4.

"7. *Recommends* that the convening of a future world youth forum be based on an intergovernmental decision emanating from the General Assembly;

"8. *Invites* the General Assembly to consider devoting, at its sixtieth session, in 2005, two plenary meetings to reviewing the situation of youth and achievements made in the implementation of the Programme of Action ten years after its adoption;

"9. *Invites* the General Assembly to request the Secretary-General to provide the Assembly, at its sixtieth session, through the Commission for Social Development at its forty-third session, with a comprehensive report on the priority areas of youth identified in the Programme of Action, calling upon the experience of the member States, organizations, programmes and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, as well as the regional commissions, and youth organizations in their multidisciplinary work for and with youth;

"10. *Also invites* the General Assembly to request the Secretary-General, in preparing the report requested in paragraph 9 above, to take into account the five new concerns identified in paragraph 3 above."